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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TARGETING AND/OR INSTALLING FASTENERS INTO AN INTRAMEDULLARY NAIL

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention, entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TARGETING AND/OR INSTALLING FASTENERS INTO AN INTRAMEDULLARY NAIL described in application Serial No. __, filed herewith.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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<i>November 9, 1998</i>		
Date	Date	Date

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION (JOINT OR SOLE)
(Under 37 CFR § 1.63; with Power of Attorney)
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:
My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,
I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first
and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is
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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TARGETING AND/OR INSTALLING FASTENERS INTO AN INTRAMEDULLARY NAIL
 the specification of which

 x is attached hereto.

_____ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s) [list additional applications on separate page]: Priority Claimed:
Number: Country: Filed (Day/Month/Year): Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Prior U.S. Application(s) [list additional applications on separate page]:
Appln. Ser. Number: Filed (Day/Month/Year): Status (patented, pending, abandoned)

I hereby appoint Dennis M. Smid, Registration No. 34,930, and FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP, or their duly appointed associate, my attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to file continuation and divisional applications thereof, to receive the Patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office and in the Courts in connection therewith, and specify that all communications about the application are to be directed to the following correspondence address:

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